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PHILIPPINE LEADER TELLS OBAMA 'GO TO HELL', CAN BUY ARMS ELSEWHERE

Philippine leader Rodrigo Duterte on Tuesday told U.S. President Barack Obama to "go to hell" and said the United States had refused to sell some weapons to his country but he did not care because Russia and China were willing suppliers. In his latest salvo, Duterte said he was realigning his foreign policy because the United States had failed the Philippines and added that at some point, "I will break up with America." It was not clear what he meant by "break up." During three tangential and fiercely worded speeches in Manila, Duterte said the United States did not want to sell missiles and other weapons, but Russia and China had told him they could provide them easily. "Although it may sound s— to you, it is my sacred duty to keep the integrity of this republic and the people healthy," Duterte said. REUTERS

GOOGLE TAKES ON APPLE WITH NEW PIXEL PHONE, HOME ASSISTANT

2 Alphabet Inc.'s Google on Tuesday announced a new "Pixel" smartphone and a virtual reality headset, the company's latest effort to sell consumers on Google-branded devices and to challenge Apple Inc.'s iPhone at the high end of the more than $400 billion global market. The new phone starts at a price of $649, and Google is working with exclusively with Verizon Communications in the United States, Google executives said at a launch event in San Francisco. The string of announcements, including a new Wi-Fi router and its voice-activated digital assistant for the living room, "Home," is the clearest sign yet that Google intends to compete directly with Apple, Amazon.com and even its own Android mobile operating system customers to create a system of devices and hardware that meet every digital need. REUTERS

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3 PepsiCo Inc. has been accused in a lawsuit of misleading shoppers into believing its Naked juices and smoothies primarily contain "high-value" ingredients such as kale, when the main ingredient is often cheaper, less nutritious apple juice. According to a complaint filed on Tuesday in the Brooklyn, New York, federal court, PepsiCo emblazons healthy fruits and vegetables on Naked labels, and touts how the drinks have "no sugar added," when they actually contain roughly as much sugar as a can of Pepsi. In a statement, PepsiCo called the lawsuit "baseless," and said there was nothing misleading about its Naked products. REUTERS

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1. What was a West Philadelphia funeral home director recently convicted of doing?

2. Where do the Eagles fall in Metro's latest NFL power rankings?

3. What is the previous film Mark Wahlberg made with his "Deepwater Horizon" director Peter Berg?

Supporters look on as Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump arrives for a rally at Spooky Nook Sports center in Manheim. GETTY IMAGES

Not-your-typical Trump rally coming to Philly

The founder of Black Men for Bernie and two Hindu activists are organizing an All American Rally for Trump in Philly.

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There's long been little love lost between Donald Trump and Philadelphia.

The Republican nominee for president has been trashed by two mayors and was formally denounced by City Council.

But a pro-Trump rally will be held outside Independence Mall this Saturday, in the first stop of a planned multi-city tour organized by a group of Trump supporters who also happen to be people of color.

Strangely, most of the organizers of the All American Rally for Trump don't really seem to like Trump very much. But they think he is what the country needs.

"I personally don't have very strong feelings about Donald Trump, but I think he can end the political fortunes of two political dynasties, the Bush dynasty and the Clinton dynasty," said organizer Arvind Kumar.

Bruce Carter, a Dallas native and founder of Black Men for Bernie, said Trump could offer the black community "a business opportunity," in the form of new partnerships to fund social programs to help lift people out of poverty.

"History has proven that the Democratic Party has not been on the fair side for urban communities," he said. "The worst thing is to believe that you have someone who is in your corner. … Donald Trump, racist or not, has not been in power to inflict damage to the black community. … He probably is racist, but it don't matter if there's a partnership."

The rally's organizers take serious issue with Democrat Hillary Clinton's candidacy. Carter said the Democratic National Committee "cheated" to get her nominated.

"There is no way that bad behavior should be rewarded with her becoming president," he said. "There's millions of Bernie supporters that feel the same way."

Kumar and co-organizer Satya Dosapati both referenced the Clinton Foundation's actions around the world, in places like Haiti and India, as well as her support for a 1994 crime bill, as evidence that she wouldn't make a good president.

But what about the charges of racism that have been flung against Trump, his comments about immigrants, Mexicans and women?

"That is a standard political narrative that is part of the propaganda for the Clintons now," Kumar said. "We are not supposed to talk about Hillary's votes on Wall Street, on Iraq, about the Clinton foundation."

Organizers picked Philly because Pennsylvania is a battleground state this election cycle. Recent polls show Clinton's lead in Pennsylvania eroding, from nine points ahead down to as little as four, according to Quinnipiac. They hope to head to Florida, Ohio and other swing states soon.

As far as turnout for the rally, organizers said they hope for 1,000, but are happy to talk to whoever shows up.

The All American Rally for Trump will be held Oct. 8 at 1:30 p.m. at Independence Mall.

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BRIEFS

West Philly funeral home director caught with rotting bodies convicted

A West Philly funeral home director who had decaying dead bodies stashed inside his business has been convicted of abusing corpses, District Attorney Seth Williams announced Tuesday.

Blair Hawkins, 53, was fined $12,000 and sentenced to six years probation, two years per rotting corpse found in his business, after being found guilty of three charges of abuse of corpse on Monday, the DA's office said.

Regulators went to inspect Hawkins Funeral Home after receiving tips he was still receiving bodies despite the business being unlicensed, authorities said after he was arrested last year.

Hawkins attempted to prevent inspectors from entering what he called "the junk room."

Inside the hot, unventilated room, they discovered three bodies.

Blair Hawkins. PPD

The room also contained garbage bags filled with human organs of indeterminate origin, and the prep table which is required to be cleaned with bleach was caked with human blood and fluid.

The discovery of the bodies inside Hawkins' funeral home came after state inspectors began visiting Philly funeral homes in the wake of a similar case a month prior. SAM NEWHOUSE

Philadelphia Housing Authority FILE

Stinging deficit prompts PHA to lay off 126 workers

In addition to the layoffs, 40 employees agreed to retire of resign with severance pay.

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The Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) will reduce its workforce by more than 10 percent as it faces a massive budget deficit, the agency announced Tuesday.

Forty employees have applied for and will receive severance payments as they resign or retire, and another 126 will be laid off in a move the agency is calling an "organizational restructuring" that will redirect cash to create more housing opportunities.

The staff cuts come as PHA struggles under a $21 million debt, while adding more than 3,800 homes, with more in the pipeline, since 2013, the agency said. Layoffs will affect all levels of employment and all departments, and also include the elimination of 34 vacant positions.

"While letting employees go is not easy, we are choosing to allocate our dollars in a way that provides the maximum number of residents and neighborhoods with quality homes," PHA President and CEO Kelvin A. Jeremiah said in a news release. "We cannot undertake projects like the rehabilitation and leasing of 500 scattered site homes in improving neighborhoods and serve thousands more households while maintaining our current structure. We have made our mission the priority."

PHA is also bracing for a decline in its federal funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). For fiscal year 2016, PHA received $110 million from HUD. By 2020, that's expected to drop to $96 million.

Since 2008, PHA has lost nearly $150 million in federal housing subsidies. Five years ago, the federal agency halted millions in funding to Philadelphia over allegations of questionable payments by PHA's former executive director Carl Greene, including lavish gifts and parties, vacations and legal fees to combat sexual harassment claims.

Despite a reduction in federal aid, the agency has expanded its services. In 2015, the agency served 1,953 new families, according to its annual report. And the city now has 18,000 households in the Section 8 program, far exceeding the 14,000 federal cap on such households, according to the Philadelphia Inquirer. The city consistently ranks among the top 10 in the nation for deep poverty.

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Brittany Carulli PROVIDED

Woman stole wallet of EMT tending to dying boyfriend, police say

Bizarre robbery charge after fatal car crash in New Jersey.

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While a South Jersey woman's boyfriend lay dying from a car crash, she allegedly decided to steal the wallet of the paramedic fighting to save his life, police said.

Brittany Carulli, 25, was charged stealing a wallet from a paramedic over the weekend just after her boyfriend, 27-year-old Jacob Dromgoole, had been fatally struck by a 2011 Hyundai Sonata.

According to police from Harrison Township in Gloucester County, Dromgoole was killed around 6:49 a.m. near Mullica Hill Road and Zee Road after getting out of his car and walking across the street.

Carulli, of Pitman, New Jersey, was at the scene when her boyfriend was struck.

Why Dromgoole got out of the car and crossed the street was not disclosed by police, but a source familiar with the case said there were "extenuating circumstances."

An EMT who arrived at the scene allowed Carulli "to sit in the ambulance in order to grieve the loss of her boyfriend and stay out of the inclement weather," a police report stated.

But a few hours later, the EMT realized her wallet with personal items and cash was missing from the ambulance's center console.

The EMT contacted police that afternoon and said "no one else had access to the ambulance prior to or after the wallet had gone missing," police said.

Police interviewed Carulli at her home on Monday. She confessed to the theft and was arrested, they said.

The EMT got her wallet back with credit and debit cards and her driver's license, but minus $120 in cash.

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Crash investigators recover data, video recorders

Investigators looking into what caused last week's fatal New Jersey Transit train crash at Hoboken Terminal have recovered the data and video recorders from the lead car, officials said on Tuesday.

Jim Southworth, who is leading the National Transportation Safety Board's examination of the accident, told reporters that investigators removed the recorders at about 10:30 a.m., along with the cellphone and other personal effects of the train's driver.

The data recorder, similar to an airplane's black box that tracks speed and other information, may provide clues to what happened when the train went crashing through Hoboken Terminal on Sept. 29, killing a 34-year-old woman and injuring 108 people during the morning rush hour.

NJ Transit train crash GETTY IMAGES

The derailment caused serious damage at the historic station, including a partial roof collapse.

"We expect the recorders will be able to provide investigators with speed information, throttle position, braking information" and other data, Southworth said.

The devices recovered from the train were sent to Washington, D.C., for analysis, Southworth said, adding that it was too early to know whether the data recorder is operational. Investigators previously pulled an older data recorder from the train's rear car but found it was not working.

Thomas Gallagher, the 29-year NJ Transit veteran who was operating the train, has told investigators the train was moving at the speed limit of 10 mph when it was nearing the station but that he does not remember the crash itself.

Witnesses, including passengers on the train, have said the train appeared to enter the station too fast and did not slow down as it approached the platform. REUTERS

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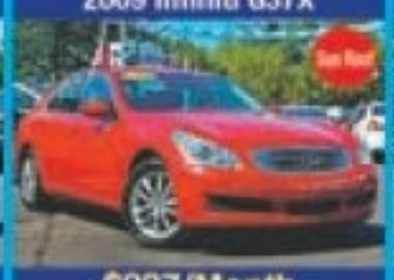

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SC governor orders evacuation ahead of storm

Florida and Georgia have also called states of emergency for a storm that has pounded the Caribbean with 145 mph winds and surging seas.

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley declared a state of emergency on Tuesday and ordered an evacuation of more than a million people in coastal areas starting Wednesday afternoon in anticipation of Hurricane Matthew.

Florida and Georgia have also called states of emergency for a storm that has pounded the Caribbean with 145 mile-per-hour (230 kph) winds and surging seas and was expected to start affecting U.S. coastal areas late on Thursday or early Friday.

Haley pleaded with people to get 100 miles away from the coast, but did not say if there would be penalties for those who refuse to comply.

"We don't do voluntary or mandatory anymore. An evacuation is an evacuation," Haley told reporters.

By declaring a state of emergency, Haley can mobilize 1,800 members of the National Guard.

Highways will have all traffic lanes directed away from the coast for the evacuation, and the state will close schools and county government offices in 26 of the state's 46 counties staring Wednesday.

Matthew will be a Category 2 or Category 3 hurricane when it brushes or hits South Carolina on Friday night, she said. Officials anticipate 100 mph winds and 5- to 7-foot storm surges in coastal South Carolina, she said.

Heavy storms in South Carolina last October killed at least 17 people.

Several coastal schools, universities and municipalities, including the city of North Charleston, announced they would close starting on Wednesday.

Emergency officials in the Myrtle Beach area advised residents of evacuation zones and routes.

A woman protects herself from the rain with plastic after hurricane Matthew, in Port-au-Prince, on Tuesday.
GETTY IMAGES

Florida Gov. Rick Scott, who declared a state of emergency for all 67 counties on Monday, has activated 200 members of the Florida National Guard to support any needed hurricane response and put another 6,000 on standby.

Other state agencies prepared by ensuring fuel supplies in potential evacuation zones, readying shelters and highways to handle any evacuees, and taking inventory of emergency food supplies in state schools and warehouses.

In Georgia, Gov. Nathan Deal issued a state of emergency for 13 counties in coastal areas.
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Video in LA police shooting shows black teen with a handgun

The video was made public by LAPD Chief Charlie Beck a day after he held a news conference to give a detailed verbal account of how Carnell Snell Jr., 18, was shot by officers during a foot chase.

Los Angeles police, seeking to quell protests over the fatal weekend shooting of an African-American teenager, released surveillance video in which the youth is seen holding a handgun moments before he is shot by officers.

Beck said Snell was fleeing what police believed to be a stolen vehicle and was gunned down by officers as he turned toward them holding a pistol he had pulled from his waistband.

Snell's death, and the fatal police shooting on Sunday of a Hispanic male wielding what turned out to be handgun replica, ignited three days of angry rallies in Los Angeles, including a Sunday night protest in which demonstrators pelted Mayor Eric Garcetti's house with eggs.

Similar protests flared following the police slaying on Sept. 27 in the San Diego suburb of El Cajon of another black man, Alfred Olango, an unarmed Ugandan refugee said by friends and family to have been mentally disturbed. Olango was shot when he aimed an electronic tobacco "vaping" pipe at police and assumed what police said was a "shooting stance."

In the Snell video, the teenager can be seen running through a strip mall parking lot and then walking past storefronts as he approaches the surveillance camera.

A still image taken from closed-circuit TV provided by the Los Angeles Police Department shows a suspect fleeing police pursuit. LAPD

Snell is holding a handgun in his left hand and briefly stands behind a parked vehicle before tucking the firearm into his waistband as he runs back along the sidewalk away from the camera with his left hand at his waist. He exits the camera's frame as two police officers run after him. REUTERS

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Senator: Wells Fargo scandal extends to small business

Wells Fargo & Co.'s account scandal is not limited to its consumer banking sector, U.S. Senator David Vitter told the bank's chief executive in a letter.

Thousands of small-business owners were also affected by Wells Fargo's practices, wrote Vitter, a Republican from Louisiana, in a letter dated Sept. 29 to Wells Fargo Chief Executive John Stumpf and seen by Reuters.

Vitter demanded a "full accounting" of small-business owners affected by "fraudulent activity." Around 10,000 small-business accounts were affected by improper Wells Fargo practices, people familiar with the matter said.

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A Wells Fargo spokeswoman could not immediately be reached for comment about Vitter's letter.

Vitter, who chairs the U.S. Senate's small-business committee, launched a probe on Sept. 20 into whether the bank's opening of as many as 2 million accounts in customers' names without their permission had any impact on small businesses.

Wells Fargo spokeswoman Jennifer Langan said last week that Wells is reviewing earlier request letters sent by Vitter and will address them "in a timely manner."

The bank also plans to share information about its operations and lending with the U.S. Small Business Administration, Langan added at the time.

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Lawyer: Boy's death in hot car was accident, not dad's intent

Justin Harris, 35, could be sentenced to life in prison if jurors find he meant to leave his 22-month-old son, Cooper, to die in a locked SUV outside his workplace in suburban Atlanta for seven hours on a sweltering day.

Justin Ross Harris sits in Cobb County Magistrate Court in Marietta, Georgia, on July 3, 2014. POOL PHOTO

A Georgia man accidentally left his toddler son to die in a hot car in 2014 but did not kill him intentionally in order to pursue online sex as prosecutors contend, his defense lawyer argued on Tuesday.

Harris drove straight to work with the child strapped in the back seat after they had a father-son breakfast at a Chick-fil-A, forgetting to take the child to day care, the lawyer said.

Whatever the father's sexual appetites, "That has nothing to do with what happened to that little boy," defense attorney Maddox Kilgore told the jury in opening arguments of the murder trial.

After prosecutors portrayed Harris as a man obsessed with having sex with prostitutes and other women and texting to teenagers, Kilgore said he was a God-fearing man who was broken over the death of his son, knowing that he was responsible.

"Responsible isn't the same as criminal. It was an accident," Kilgore said.

Whatever his client's "sexual sins … no matter how perverse and nasty, has nothing to do with what happened to that little boy," Kilgore said.

The lawyer said his client's grief over the death of his son was plainly evident, contradicting prosecutors' claim he shed no tears.

"He wept bitterly outside the view of the police, and he cried out to God in disbelief for what he has done," Kilgore said.

Harris faces a host of charges including murder and sending sexually explicit text messages to underage women.

Prosecutors on Monday had told the jury Harris led a "double life of deception" who played the role of loyal husband and doting father while also exchanging nude photos online and planning to kill his child so he could move on to a new life.

Judge Mary Staley Clark moved the trial to Brunswick, Georgia, some 300 miles away, after concluding Harris could not get a fair trial in the Atlanta suburb of Marietta where his son died.

Leanna Taylor, Cooper's mother and Harris' ex-wife, is expected to be an important witness for the defense. She has told several media outlets she believes her former husband is innocent. REUTERS

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Demi Lovato used the wave emoji ... again

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"Body Say" singer Demi Lovato gave a big fat "bye, haters" on Twitter Tuesday, writing that she will be getting some R&R next year. "So excited for 2017," Lovato tweeted. "Taking a break from music and the spotlight.. I am not meant for this business and the media."

Lovato, who is not known to back away from a fight, might have done just that after catching shade for her Taylor Swift dis in Glamour.

"To be honest, and this will probably get me in trouble, I don't see anybody in any sort of squad that has a normal body," Lovato told the magazine, referring to Taylor Swift's posse of pals.

"It's not realistic," she added. "And I think that having a song and a video about tearing Katy Perry down, that's not women's empowerment."

Lovato quit Twitter earlier this year after another virtual confrontation, but after one whole day, she returned. So see ya tomorrow, maybe?

KIM AQUILINA

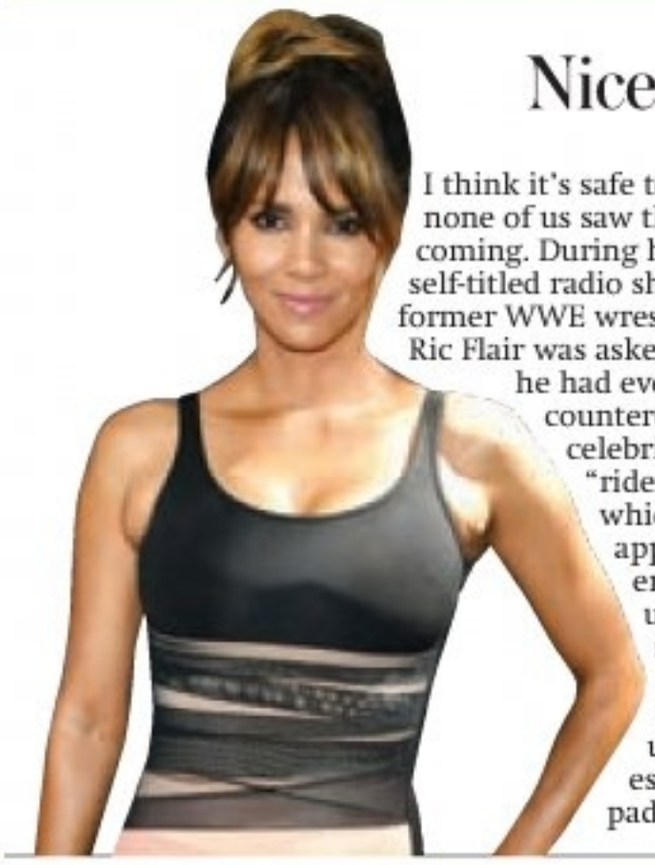
J. Cole is having an interesting week

J. Cole left some fans hopeful and others heartbroken this weekend at the end of his set at Meadows Fest in Queens. He told the audience, "Before I get out of here, listen. This is my last show for a very long time." Some thought this meant that the rapper was announcing his retirement, while others anticipate him hunkering down in the studio to produce some new music. Maybe he's just having a little nip/tuck and will back refreshed in six to eight weeks. Kidding!

But this wasn't the only thing that had fans of artist who was born in Frankfurt, Germany, talking. On Tuesday night, J. Cole's Twitter account was hacked, subjecting his more than 8 million followers to ridiculous song titles (Smokin On Dat Phizzurp Pack) and conspiracy theories about Kim Kardashian faking being robbed. Weird.

We're not holding our breath for a response from J. Cole — the rapper hasn't actually tweeted since March.

Nice try, Ric Flair



I think it's safe to say none of us saw this coming. During his self-titled radio show, former WWE wrestler Ric Flair was asked if he had ever encountered any celebrity "riders," which is apparently uncool slang for sexual escapades.

He replied that he'd had dozens but specifically name-dropped Academy Award-winner Halle Berry. Flair claims to have slept with Berry in 1997 following her divorce from David Justice.

As expected, Berry's team has strongly denied these allegations, claiming that she never slept with Ric Flair and doesn't even know who he is. Very Mariah Carey of her.

No offense Ric, but we're going with Halle Berry's version of events.

The 'Mean Girls' musical is coming!

It's finally happening! The "Mean Girls" musical is coming in fall 2017 to Washington, D.C.! A verified Twitter account for the production, @MeanGirlsDC, announced the news Oct. 3, naturally.

Tina Fey and her husband, Jeff Richmond, have teased us with the idea of a stage adaptation of her 2004 cult classic for years. But they never confirmed a timeline for the production.

The mysterious new Twitter account followed up with several catchphrases from the movie to really get us in the spirit.

We're all dying for more details but in the meantime we'll have to settle for the original, which you can catch on Netflix. I don't doubt that the play will make it to Broadway in no time and that it will be undeniably FETCH!

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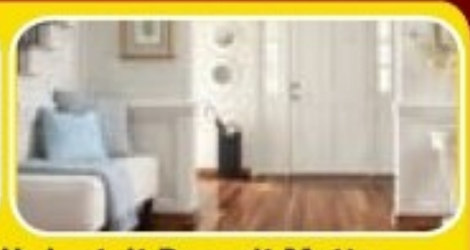

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In "Deepwater Horizon," Mark Wahlberg plays Mike Williams, an

The actor sings the praises of "Peter Berg, his director on "Deepwater Horizon."

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Mark Wahlberg loves working with director Peter Berg. And Berg loves Wahlburgers (but more on that later). The duo worked together on "Lone Survivor," and now the new "Deep Horizon," the true story of the BP oil rig explosion in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010, which killed 11 people and caused the largest environmental disaster in U.S. history. Wahlberg plays chief engineer technician Mike Williams, the last survivor to make it off the Deepwater Horizon rig. The 45-year-old actor explains the appeal of true stories and how his relationship with Berg, with whom he also made the forthcoming "Patriots Day," blossomed over burgers.

You've worked on three films with Peter Berg. You're friends now, right?
Well, he is from New York and I'm from Boston, so that's a big problem. [Laughs]

How did this collaboration come about?
It's one of those stories where we have the same agent and he introduced us. In fact, he was trying to get us together for some time. But for one reason or another, we resisted. But when we finally got together for "Survivor" I was like, "I could make 20 movies with this man." We motivate each other. We support each other. He focuses on the story and has a mindset to see the whole picture, rather than deal with his own agenda, which is very rare.

While on the subject of your friendship, tell us what a guy from Boston and a guy from New York have in common when it comes to food?
[Laughs] Look, I took him to all the great restaurants in Boston. But he keeps saying that Wahlburgers' burgers were the best. He tried the turkey, classic and fish. He ate them all; he could not stop.

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Mark Wahlberg likes his boss

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What is your favorite dish?

Oh God, you're asking someone who craves everything all the time. I've been eating very healthy. For my birthday, my wife hosted a dinner at home and brought the chef of my favorite Italian restaurant, but I could not eat everything that I wanted. The problem is that I gained a lot of weight for "Deep Horizon" and "Patriots Day." Then I saw Michael Bay, the producer for "Transformers," and he said, "Friend, what's going on here?" So I had to do the 10-week training program in three.

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What was your meeting with the real-life Mike Williams like?

Mike and I met as soon as production started. He was a little skeptical so I was asked to spend some time with him. But I refused. I wanted him to work with me throughout the film. No one knew better than him the real story. Only he knew what was behind that platform. And he was the last to leave it. I thought he could be our eyes and ears to make sure that everything we were doing was authentic. And so I insisted on him being present throughout shooting, as well as other consultants — people who work in the same company as Mike.

Is there a greater sense of responsibility when actual — and tragic — events are made into movies?

Look, if you do not do it right, you'll find out. But that's why I knew that Pete [Berg] was the perfect match for "Deep Horizon" as well as "Patriots Day." Because he cares as much as I do and knows how important it is to do things right. The amazing thing is that once you define the tone, everyone knows what the standards are. It is telling the story in the best way possible and not meeting your expectations as an actor. All this mania to seek your own benefit as an actor goes out the window because for me it is about making a great movie.

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Making music for the melancholy

Sunflower Bean open up on songwriting and strengthening their stage presence.

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The sublime wistfulness of "Human Ceremony" — the debut album from NYC trio Sunflower Bean — is quite the offering from a band only three years into their career. While their 2015 EP "Show Me Your Seven Secrets" displayed infinite promise, "Human Ceremony" solidified Sunflower Bean's ability to cohesively carry an album on their own accord from beginning to end. While it's been reported that it was recorded in just a week, drummer Jacob Faber dismisses that statement as pure fiction.

"That whole recorded in seven days thing is kind of a myth," he says. "We tracked it in a week. But we spent two or three months in preproduction, just demoing and rehearsing and things."

Vocalist and guitarist Nick Kivlen chimes in with the band's justification for such a quick turnaround: "We only spent a total of 10 or 11 days in the studio because studio time can cost a lot; a lot of demoing was done in our bedrooms."

Kivlen, along with Faber and singer Julia Cumming, make it a point to write all of their songs together, but have vastly different approaches to penning lyrics.

"Julia improvises lyrics off the top of her head, but I often take notes on my phone of things I hear people say and see if I can apply it to what I've been writing," Kivlen says. "You can definitely tell the difference between the songs I wrote and the ones Julia wrote; I veer toward being more conceptual."

> *"'Human Ceremony' is not an album you'd put on at a party."*
>
> Jacob Faber

Kivlen and Farber remain adamant, though, about the meaning of their songs being left to the listener's discretion. "They are open to interpretation — we want to let people think about the ambiguity of our songs," Farber explains. "The music still sets a clear mood without it — 'Human Ceremony' is not an album you'd put on at a party. It's melancholy music."

Performing said music in front of large crowds on their current tour is apparently easier for some members of Sunflower Bean than it is for others. "My stage banter is weak and needs some work — which is funny, because I've actually been turned off by bands for that very reason," Kivlen says.

"Julia is actually meant to be a comedian — she's one of the funniest people I've ever met and is great on stage. I don't have the confidence quite yet, but you do what you can do," he adds with a chuckle. "I'll let you know when I actually come up with something."

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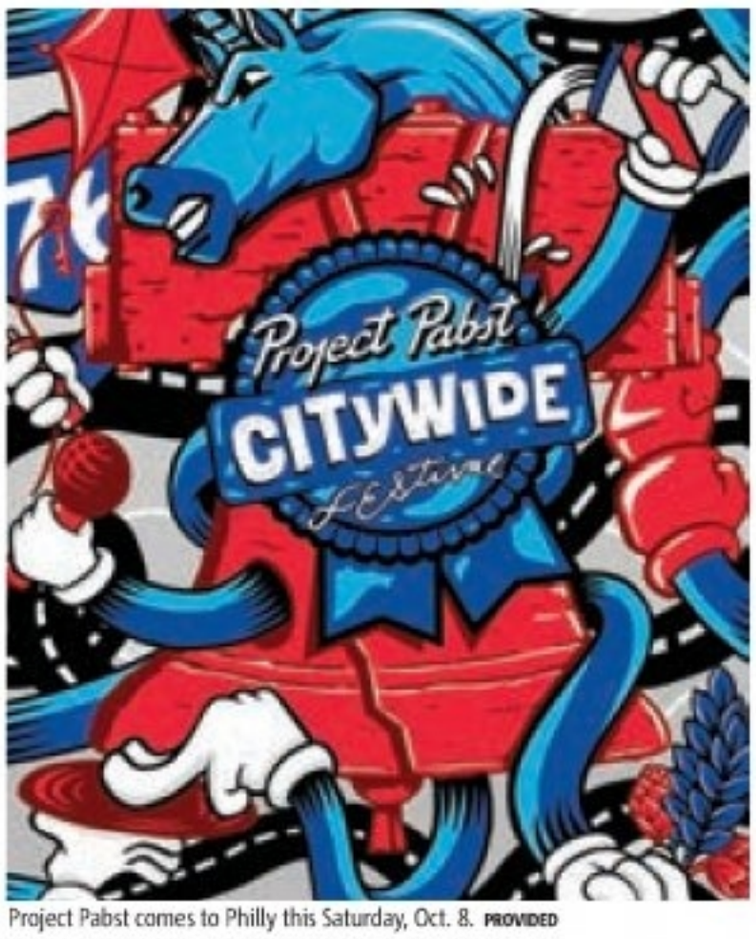

Project Pabst comes to Philly this Saturday, Oct. 8. PROVIDED

And no, Bruno Mars won't be there.

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Project Pabst is a daytime festival coming to the Electric Factory on Saturday afternoon. But the party doesn't stop at the end of the festival itself. Funk band Vulfpeck will take over the the venue at 421 N. 7th St. to play one groovy after party. So what can we expect from the late-night show?

"We're going to bring it," said bandleader, keyboardist and drummer Jack Stratton.

"It" can mean a lot of things — but in this case, that includes an entire horn section. Philly group Swift Technique will join Vulfpeck onstage to play on "Outro," a track that incorporates a raspy and soulful saxophone solo. Swift Technique is a 12-member band that describes itself as Philadelphia's own fiery funk extravaganza. This should blend well with Vulfpeck's own diverse funk style. Their style from the fiery sound found in "Outro" to a smoother style found in "1612" and "Wait for the Moment."

Stratton and the rest of the band recruit a horn section to play with them in every city. But even they don't know what can happen on stage.

"The horn section can take it up a notch," said Stratton. "When it works, it's magical. When it doesn't, it's a train wreck. Highs are highs and lows are lows."

This will be Vulfpeck's first show in Philadelphia, although Stratton is no stranger to our fair city. He digs the Theater of the Living Arts and the rest of South Street. But what about playing in the famous converted warehouse located near Northern Liberties?

"I'm excited to play this famous room," said Stratton.

Vulfpeck and Philadelphia's own Son Little will play the Electric Factory starting at 10 p.m. The lineup for the festival during the day includes Animal Collective, Hop Along and more.

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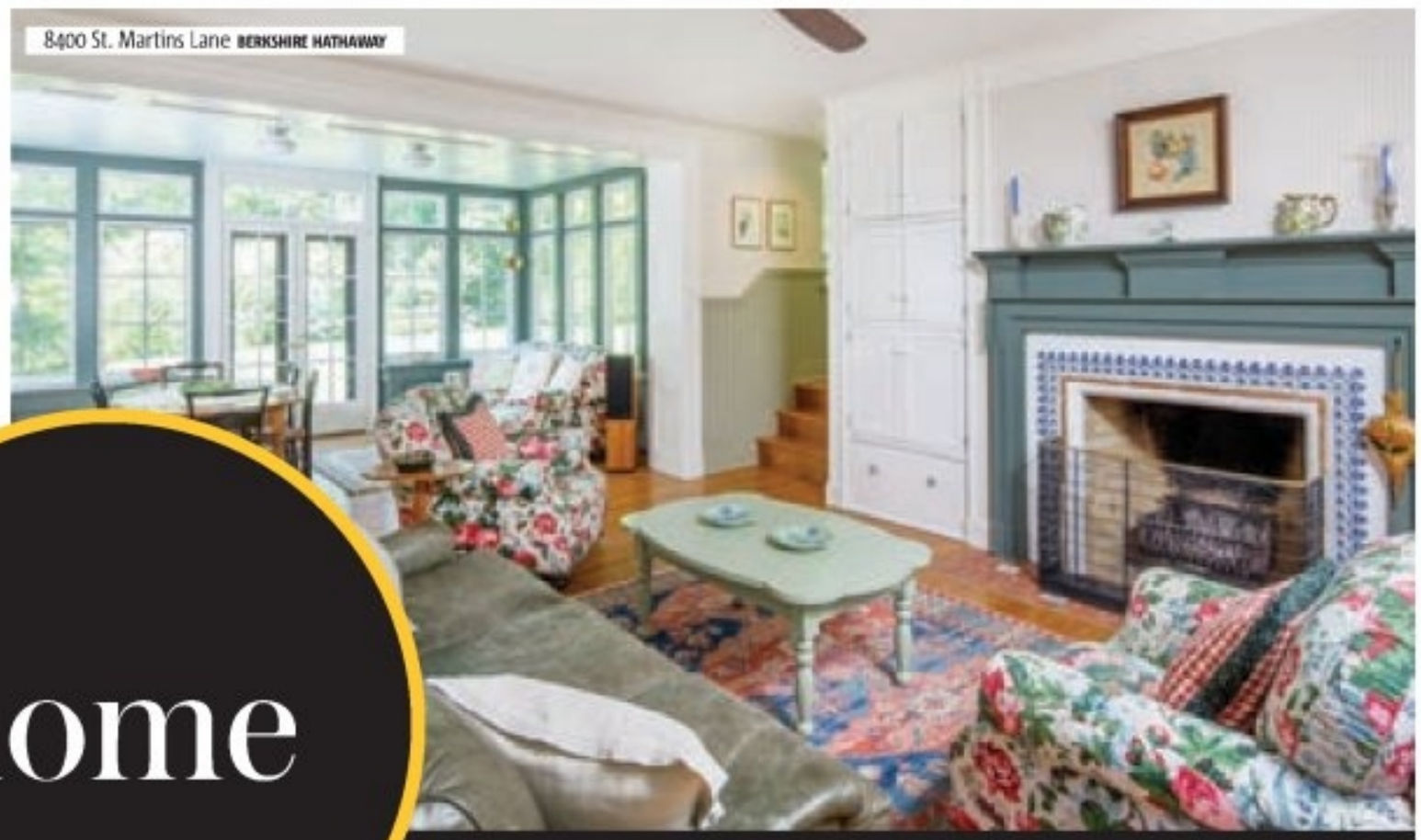
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With three bedrooms and two bathrooms, this home is spacious and modern. Some of our favorite features include the recessed lighting and paneled ceilings in the main living room, the black stall shower and tile inlays in the master bathroom and the walk-out balcony and backyard overlooking charming cobblestone alleys and, of course, the neighbors.

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On Oct. 7, 8 and 9, Rittenhouse Square will be home to the The Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen Fine Craft Show. Hand-crafted pottery, blown glass, furniture and more will be available for purchase.

Interim executive director Brian Cunfer says in a press release: "We encourage you to come and shop for quality handmade items at this prestigious show. The craftsmen of the Guild represent traditional and contemporary crafts at their finest. We ask that you recognize and support these artisans who preserve the craft."

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Who got the better end of the Wentz-Bradford trade?

Carson Wentz and Sam Bradford are both undefeated. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

It wouldn't be a stretch to say that two of the most underrated and best performing quarterbacks thus far in the NFL are the Eagles' Carson Wentz and Vikings Sam Bradford.

After being teammates all summer and working to make each other better in Doug Pederson's quarterbacks room, Bradford was sent to Minnesota in an 11th-hour trade 10 days before the regular season, catapulting then third-string rookie Wentz to opening-day starter.

Both has slid into their offensive schemes seamlessly, and each is putting up outrageously impressive numbers on a pair of undefeated football teams.

Wentz has the sixth-best QB rating in football at 103.8 and has thrown five touchdown passes and 256 yards per game to a receiving corps that was rated by Pro Football Focus as the worst in the NFL at the start of 2016.

Bradford has the third-best QB rating in football at 105.5 and has thrown four touchdown passes and 240 yards per game. Neither signal-caller has turned the ball over in three games respectively, all of them victories.

So which team got the better end of the deal?

The Vikings could realistically argue they did, landing a first-round quarterback for a first round pick and one who is playing up to expectations. Though he's just a space-holder for now, with Teddy Bridgewater out for the year and rehabbing to return, Bradford is at the helm of a legitimate Super Bowl contender. The Vikings have beaten the Panthers and Packers in two of their four wins, an impressive task with the two picked as preseason NFC favorites.

The Eagles could also make a compelling argument, as they not only recouped a first-round pick (they lost their 2017 pick in a plethora of trades that eventually put them in position to take Wentz at No. 2 overall last April), but also were able to get Wentz on the field much sooner than expected. And if the rookie keeps things up, the Eagles could also be a Super Bowl contender — much sooner than anyone ever would have expected. EVAN MACY

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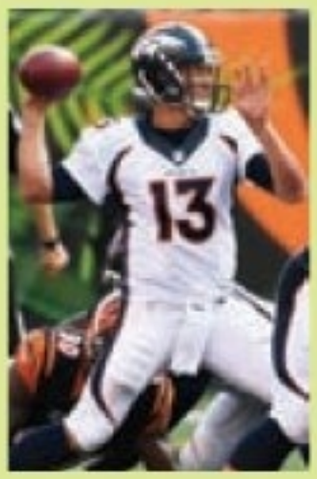

No. 1

Broncos (4-0)

Neither inclement weather nor losing Trevor Siemian nor games on the East Coast can stop Denver. This outstanding defense and secondary are about to face their toughest test yet when Matt Ryan and Julio Jones arrive in Week 5.

No. 2

Vikings (4-0)

The Vikings defense did everything the team needed for a win once again. Recovering a muffed punt, giving their offense short fields to work with, and covering Odell Beckham Jr. better than a vengeful field goal warmup net.

No. 3

Eagles (3-0)

The Eagles return to the road next week to take on Detroit. Carson Wentz should get his first real chance to throw to Zach Ertz this week, as if the rookie didn't look good enough. With the NFC East sitting at 10-5, they need to keep winning.

No. 4

Steelers (3-1)

Call it a hunch, but something tells me the Steelers weren't too happy about their performance against Philly last week. Sunday night they kept raining bombs and running a fresh Le'Veon Bell out on the field well into the fourth against the Chiefs.

No. 5

Patriots (3-1)

After a week of temptation to run Julian Edelman out at quarterback, the toughest decision in New England now is whether to be more excited about seeing Tom Brady or the Cleveland Browns taking the field next Sunday.

No. 6

Seahawks (3-1)

The Seahawks' bye week probably couldn't come at a better time. The early season rust is off, the demons are settled, and Jimmy Graham just showed his first signs of being a productive player in Seattle. Now just let Russell rest up.

No. 7

Packers (2-1)

The Packers get a second chance to measure themselves against the Vikings when the Giants visit Lambeau next weekend. Coming off a bye, Green Bay has to stop taking its foot off the gas like they did against Detroit a week ago.

No. 8

Falcons (3-1)

While it will probably take a little more time to forget the memory of last season's collapse, there's not much better to blot it out with than 500-yard passing games and 300-yard receiving days.

No. 9

Texans (3-1)

What's left to say about rookie first-round pick Will Fuller? All he did is have another great receiving day capped off with a punt return for the game winning score. Fuller is looking like the steal of the first round right now.

No. 10

Bengals (2-2)

The Bengals bounced back nicely from a couple losses with a dominating performance against the Dolphins at home. They went to A.J. Green early and often and, for much of the game, he had more yards than the entire Dolphins team.

Best of the rest

11 — Raiders (3-1)
12 — Chiefs (2-2)
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Giroux's preseason debut a 'little rough,' Konecny shines on first line

The Flyers are working out the kinks this preseason as young prospects make cases for roster spots.

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Young talented prospects, like Travis Konecny, have been the story of the preseason so far. GETTY IMAGES

Although it was a dream come true for Claude Giroux when he was selected to play for Team Canada in the Hockey World Cup, the Flyers captain expected to see the ice more than he did in last month's tournament.

Giroux suited up for just one of Canada's six games. His lone appearance came against Team Europe during pool play, when he mustered just one shot in 15 minutes, 50 seconds as a member on the fourth line. Otherwise, he spent the other games watching from in the press box at the Air Canada Centre in Toronto.

Claude Giroux is not used to being a healthy scratch for one game, let alone five, although his availability may have been affected by a knee injury following a big hit from Joe Pavelski in a pretournament game. Giroux also had hip and abdominal surgery following the season in May.

However, the captain looked healthy — albeit rusty after playing in his first game in over a week — and was back on the first line in his Flyers preseason debut against the Rangers on Monday night at the Wells Fargo Center.

"It was a little tough," Giroux said after the Flyers' 4-3 overtime win. "Part of the reason I wanted to play tonight was to get that awkward game out of the way and hopefully feel better next game."

In 19:36, Giroux finished with two shots and was 10-for-18 on faceoffs while centering Brayden Schenn and heralded rookie Travis Konecny.

"Yeah, I was pretty excited," Giroux said. "I haven't played in 10 days, so to get back out there and [dish out] a couple hits and get hit a couple times, it's fun. Hopefully, I can go forward from here."

Konecny, who added his second goal of the preseason on the power play, has been paired with either Jake Voracek or Giroux in the last two games.

"It's definitely a little nerve-racking when you first get into the game and you see the guys you're playing with," said Konecny, who find out this weekend if he made the team or will be sent back to juniors this year. "But, I definitely got my feet under me after the first period [on Monday] and things started happening for us."

Giroux was impressed with Konecny's performance.

"He is aggressive and competes," Giroux said. "He is not scared of going to the net, he wins a lot of battles and is definitely fun to play with."

Flyers coach Dave Hakstol echoed his captain's sentiments but added the caveat that there are still many areas of Konecny's game that need to be cleaned up.

"He did a good job with that line," he said. "They created a little bit of offense, and overall they had a solid night."

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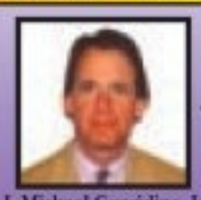

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72 Lost no time
73 Cut drastically

Down

1 Farm structures
2 Down Under birds
3 Bamboo stalk
4 Provoke
5 Command to Rover (2 wds.)
6 Made lame
7 Quasimodo's creator
8 Residence
9 Apiece
10 Famed Shawnee chief
11 Nintendo forerunner
12 Industrial czar
13 Gaze fixedly
21 Melville opus
22 Saudi royal name
25 Roman teenager's age
26 Existentialist writer
27 Author Wister
28 Five-star (hyph.)
30 Water chute
35 Verdi opera
36 -- -- Hubbard of sci-fi
37 Cult
39 Least experienced
41 Shouted
44 Bond-issuing org.
45 Jabber
47 Put -- -- on it!
48 Concludes
53 Absolute
54 First P.M. of India
55 Wails
56 Pesky person
58 NBA's Shaquille
61 Sharpen
62 Rick's old flame
63 Stalemates
64 Cummerbund
66 More, to Pedro

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Aries Enjoy some downtime with a special someone. Discuss your plans and prepare to make this the best year ever. Create opportunities and follow through on your objectives.

Taurus If you find out what others want and how they feel, you will be able to help. This aid will come back in spades when you need it.

Gemini Take a moment to consider your current situation. Face any dilemmas objectively and plan to move forward and make the necessary changes to ensure success.

Cancer Share your ideas and plans for the upcoming year with someone you love. The feedback you get will help you move forward with confidence.

Leo Don't dwell on past mistakes or failures, but do use the lesson of experience to ensure that you are successful in accomplishing your goals without a hitch this year.

Virgo Stay healthy and steer clear of excessive responsibilities. Stay in shape and eat a proper diet. Moderation and clean living will help you operate at your optimum level.

Libra Address matters instead of ignoring them. If you want to advance, you have to put unfinished business to rest. Greater happiness will result if you are true to yourself.

Scorpio Reach out to colleagues you enjoyed working with in the past. Find out what's new. A unique idea of yours will spark interest and lead to an interesting partnership.

Sagittarius Think about what you are doing and how you can use your attributes to your advantage. You can make a difference if you are willing to make personal changes.

Capricorn Spend today reflecting on the past and considering what changes you want to make at home. Explore innovative or unusual financial prospects.

Aquarius Don't just think about what you want to do next, start conducting some research and get the ball rolling. Progress can be made if you are quick to respond.

Pisces Be objective, but also protect against anyone trying to take advantage of you. Open up to someone you feel has as much to offer as yourself. EUGENIA LAST

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